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Attorney Docket No.:

LAM1P061/P0318

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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(d)**

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This is a request for filing a

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application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) (continued prosecution application) of prior pending application No. 08/925,985, filed on September 9, 1997, entitled APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING ETCH UNIFORMITY AND METHODS THEREFOR.

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4). DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:-

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4. ☒ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.

5. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.

a. ☒ PTO-1449

b. ☒ Copies of IDS Citations

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

	(Col. 1) <u>NO. FILED</u>	(Col. 2) <u>NO. EXTRA</u>	<u>SMALL ENTITY</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>LARGE ENTITY</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
BASIC FEE			\$345	\$	OR	\$690 \$690
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>18</u> -20 = <u>0</u>		x09 =	\$	OR	x18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>2</u> -03 = <u>0</u>		x39 =	\$	OR	x78 = \$
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$130 =	\$	OR	\$260 = \$
* If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.			Total	\$	OR	Total \$690

6. ☐ Small entity status:

a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.

b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. \_\_\_\_\_). A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

8. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. LAM1P061).

9. ☒ Check No. 1350 in the amount of \$690.00 is enclosed.

10. ☐ Suspension of Prosecution for the time necessary to file an amendment is requested.

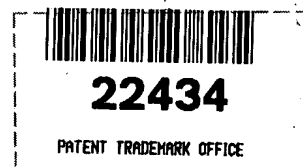
11. ☐ An Extension of Time in the prior application is requested.

12. ☐ A Conditional Extension of Time in the prior application is requested.

13. ☐ Other:

14. ☒ Please continue to send correspondence to the following address:

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